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# Notes

February 1, 1951

About 998 million bushels of wheat were stored in all positions on January 1, 1951. This total has been exceeded on January 1 only by the 1,000 million bushels in 1942 and the 1,152 million bushels in 1943, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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A tremendous increase in tree planting by private land owners during the fiscal year 1950 brought total acreage of reforested land in this country to 7,200,000 acres, the Forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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The 1951 Agricultural Conservation Program is particularly emphasizing the use of grasses and legumes as a means of protecting the soil for continued abundance.

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About 562 $\frac{1}{2}$  million pounds of the food that the U. S. Department of Agriculture has acquired while carrying out price supports for some farm products, was distributed to schools and other outlets last year, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

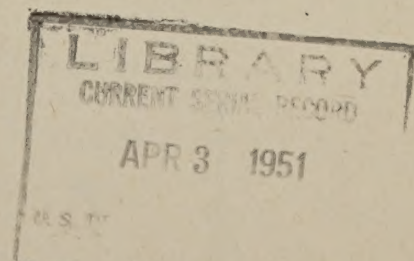
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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that through December 1950, farmers had put approximately 306,861,861 bushels of 1950 crop wheat, barley, oats, rye, flaxseed, soybeans, corn and grain sorghums under Commodity Credit Corporation price support.

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In planning crops to meet defense needs this year, farmers should keep in mind that the needs for the future may be just as great as for this year. Every farmer should do all he can to produce the crops needed but increases in cultivated crops should be made where they will not impair future production, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.

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Honey production in 1950 totaled 233,013,000 pounds, 3 percent more than in 1949, and 9 percent more than the 1944-48 average, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Nearly half of the Nation's farmers are using the Agricultural Conservation Program to help meet their conservation problems. The land operated by these farmers makes up more than three-fourths of all the land in farms.

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There's a strong demand for U. S. wheat from other countries who are buying that wheat under terms of the International Wheat Agreement. Foreign buyers have been setting new weekly records since the first of the year in their orders for U. S. wheat under the terms of the Agreement.

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More than 2,664 million bushels of corn were in all storage positions on January 1, 1951. This total is about 5 percent smaller than stocks on January 1, 1950, and barely exceeds the 1949 total, but is much larger than in any other year of record the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

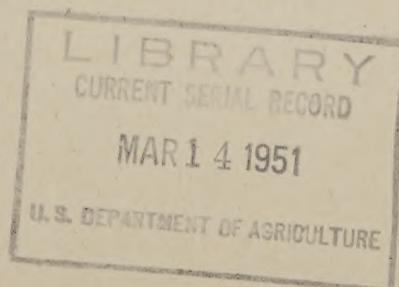
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There is a Production and Marketing Administration office in every agricultural county in the United States, and a PMA office and an appointed PMA committee in every State.

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During 1950, Federal Crop Insurance for wheat was in effect in 36 North Dakota counties, flax insurance was available in 17 counties, corn in 1 county, and multiple insurance in 3 counties.

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World food production has continued to increase in 1950-51, and aggregate output of important food products is expected to total about 2 percent above a year ago and 4 percent above prewar (1935-39) average, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program provides farmers with an effective means of increasing per acre yields and at the same time protecting the future productivity of the land.

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Stocks of soybeans on January 1 totaled more than 227 million bushels, the largest in the 9 years of comparable record and 27 percent more than a year earlier, according to the Department of Agriculture's Crop Reporting Board.

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Under the Agricultural Conservation Program the individual farmer is given the fullest opportunity to carry out the soil and water conservation practices which are most urgently needed on his own farm.

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Grasslands agriculture can make enormous contributions to increased food production says Dr. W. M. Myers, head of forage crop research for USDA. He labeled as "a false concept" the idea that farmers must plow up good grasslands because of the international crisis. "Not only must we carry on with a grasslands program during the emergency, but we must push grasslands agriculture with increased vigor ....."

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Order trees for woodlot and shelterbelt plantings now while they are still obtainable advises the Production and Marketing Administration. For several years there haven't been enough trees to fill the demand and only those farmers who placed their orders early were able to get the trees they needed.

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